LAKE TROUT- *Salvelinus namaycush*

**Common Names:** Lake trout, laker, grey trout, Mackinaw, Great Lakes trout

**Lake Michigan Sport Catch in Wisconsin:** 100,000 per year

**Preferred Temperature Range:** 48-52 °F, 9-11 °C

**Predators for Adults** – Sea Lamprey, humans

**for Juveniles** – Larger carnivorous fish

**Eggs** – Whitefish, burbot, and sculpin

**Length:** 17-36 inches

**Weight:** 3-30 pounds

**State Record:** 9/9/46; 47 pounds, from Lake Superior

**State Record (Inland):** 6/1/57; 35 pounds, 4 ounces, from Big Green Lake, Green Lake County

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The lake trout stocking and sea lamprey control programs are both funded with federal monies. These are collected through an excise tax on sporting goods. In the future, about a million lake trout are planned to be stocked each year in the Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan. Also, research is being conducted to solve the riddle of why the lake trout are not reproducing as they normally should. These activities will help in the reestablishment of the lake trout in Lake Michigan and help ensure quality fishing in the future.